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The following is a summary of Soviet military activity and traffic along the Iranian border for the week ending 16 August 1951.

1. Total east and westbound rail traffic for the following posts was: Pol Dasht, 64 trains; Dzhulfa, 51 trains; Sia Rud, 47 trains; Khuda Afarin, 23 trains; and Lutfabad, 121 trains.
2. The following loads were transported by the above-listed trains (when dates are not specified, the total for the week is meant):
 - a. Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Construction materials, coal, kerosene, trucks, autos, and four 75 mm guns.
 - b. Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 16 August, two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 27 boxcars, two tank cars, and six gondolas carrying bricks, posts, and iron.
 - c. Dzhulfa to Ordubad, and probably Baku: Forty-eight cars carrying one regiment of soldiers.
 - d. Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 14 August, two trains composed of 41 boxcars, 22 gondolas carrying coal, lumber, and 22 trucks; two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 25 boxcars, and 12 gondolas carrying 38 trucks.
 - e. Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 16 August, two passenger trains composed of 14 cars each; three trains composed of 25 boxcars, 25 tank cars, and 17 gondolas. 17 August, two trains composed of 14 cars; three trains composed of 74 boxcars, 20 tank cars, and 11 gondolas; one train composed of 25 boxcars, five tank cars, and two gondolas; three trains of unknown make-up at night.
 - f. Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 16 August, three trains composed of 66 boxcars, five passenger cars, and 14 empty gondolas; five trains of unknown make-up at night.
 - g. Soviet locomotive [REDACTED] pulling 23 cars each time, made four trips bringing cement from Soviet Dzhulfa to Iranian Dzhulfa.

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3. Soviet road traffic in the frontier regions included the following:

- a. Dzhulfa to Ordubad, and probably Baku: Eleven trucks and six jeeps carrying 400 soldiers (sic); 32 trucks; two ambulances; two 75 mm guns; one anti-aircraft machine gun.
- b. Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa, and Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 512 trucks and about 1,000 soldiers.
- c. Five truckloads of soldiers, two trucks carrying two anti-aircraft machine guns, and 30 soldiers on motorcycles arrived at the village of Dasht in the Sia Rud sector, coming from Ordubad. These troops arrived in this area for the purpose of conducting maneuvers. This is the first occasion on which maneuvers have been held in this area.
- d. Motorcycle patrols have been added in the Sia Rud area.
- e. Total road traffic in the Lenkoran-Astara area included 310 trucks, 214 carts, 53 jeeps, and six trucks carrying foodstuffs, construction material, communication material, arms, ammunition, and 596 soldiers.

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